



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

Dr. Scott, the President's father-in-law, is not so well this morning, and it is thought he is slowly mending. Dr. Gardner, the attending physician, says that notwithstanding the absence of fever he is very much debilitated.

Inquiry at Mr. Blaine's house at 12 o'clock to-day elicited the reason that "Mr. Blaine is better to-day, according to Dr. Johnson, who has just left him. He is sitting up and has already read the morning papers."

The fact that the British government has just launched at Owens Bay Sound, Canada, a modern steel revenue cutter which may easily be transformed into an effective war vessel, does not create that degree of apprehension in Washington that some have expected.

During its visit to the East, there of Virginia, President-elect Cleveland will be the guest of Mr. C. C. Brown, who was the first party's congressional candidate in that district at the recent election, and who is in charge of the property of the late Mr. Scott, on which Mr. Cleveland expects to do some shooting. Mr. Brown was until recently a democrat, and as he is a courteous and admirable host, Mr. Cleveland will doubtless have an agreeable time.

The term of Commissioner Douglass of the District of Columbia will soon expire. In the District government republicans are being promoted over democrats at every opportunity, and when the opportunities don't come rapidly enough, they are made. Mr. Douglass, it is also said, is now very anxious to have the civil service law applied to the District government.

It is said here that Mr. Harrison proposes a trip to Europe at the close of his term to inspect the mines, factories and mills there, and that on his return he will write a book on the tariff. He is now a fitting subject for an intimate friend, and when asked by an intimate friend if in it, he would take him, he replied that he was not the sort of man to have his convictions changed by the result of popular elections.

The House committee on appropriations met in their room at their Capitol this morning, and made preliminary arrangements for commencing the work of preparing the appropriation bills for the approaching session.

Mr. Pierce, the fusionist Presidential elector in Oregon, is an old resident of that State, with democratic antecedents. If there were any doubt of Mr. Cleveland's election, Mr. Pierce would cast his vote for him, but as there is not, he will cast it for Weaver, as the Weaver men voted for him.

Judge North, in the Court of Claims, to-day gave judgment in favor of Gilbert J. Ferris in his suit against the United States to recover the balance due on a contract for the dredging of 100,000 cubic yards of material at Millfield's bar in the Delaware river. General Butler, counsel for the claimant, demanded judgment in the sum of \$10,000 on the ground that the failure to complete the contract was due solely to the action of Col. Ludlow, the engineer in charge of the work. The counsel for the government on the other hand contended that the claimant could not possibly have completed the work within the time prescribed by the contract, and hence that he should recover for only so much as he could have completed. The court held that the contract was delayed by the defendant's officers, was entitled to an extension of the prescribed time, but regarding the damages claimed as excessive and therefore reduced the amount to \$5,510.

Mollie R. Rives was to-day appointed postmaster at Toddshere, Sussex county, Va., vice L. M. Howell, resigned. Mr. Speaker Cannon held here Saturday night and Sunday for the New York, but not to attend any democratic conference, as none will be held there, at least so far as Senator Cannon knows, though the newspaper rumor was to the effect that it would be held at his call. Mr. C. S. P. is in favor of an extra session of Congress, and the extra session of Congress, if held, would be the last one of the kind, as the republicans will not be able to get a majority in the Senate.

Senator Kenna was here this morning, Dr. Cannon, of West Virginia, who was one of the Senate's leading physicians and returned to his home when the condition of the Senate was such a state as to justify his leaving, is here again. He says Senator Kenna is better than at any time since he was taken ill. I took for his permanent recovery.

Representative Hare of Ohio, here to-day, says if the democrats of his State had entered into the faintest idea of carrying it they could have done so without any trouble at all, and that the republican assertion that the closeness of the vote was caused by the state of the homes is the very worst waddle as the vote was the largest ever polled in the State.

Among the bids for one of the new line of battleships ordered at the last session of Congress, one of which will cost four and the other three and a half millions, is one from the Newport News ship yard, and as it is understood it was made just high enough to prevent loss, it is likely it may be accepted.

Hallinger, the Jersey City murderer, who pleaded guilty and when sentenced to death sought to escape capital punishment by raising the point that the degree of his crime had been determined by the judge and not by the jury, has been allowed to hang unless the State authorities intervene, for the United States Supreme Court in an opinion by Justice Shiras to-day refused to grant him a writ of habeas corpus.

An old democrat from Virginia, once prominent in politics, but now retired, because he thinks a private station more becoming, who is spending the winter here for pleasure and to shoot fowls, told the GAZETTE's correspondent to-day that the democrats now have the means of retaining the government as long as its present form shall exist, but that he was afraid they didn't have either the ability or grit to do so.

He says if they would call an extra session of Congress as soon as possible after the inauguration, and repeal the McKinley bill, pass an income tax, and revise the pension lists, the people would believe, and not discredit them as they have done with the republicans. Every consumer, he says, wants the tax removed on the necessities of life, and ninety out of every hundred are in favor of an income tax because they would not be subject to it. As to pensions, he says, most of those who deserved pensions are dead, and that of those who receive them, nearly all vote against the democrats now and always will do so.

Mr. Cleveland spent a quiet and uneventful day at Hog Island yesterday.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Gorman denies that there is to be a conference of prominent democrats in New York to-day.

Gen. Rosecrans returned to Washington on Saturday from Fort Monroe. The General's health is slightly improved.

Jennie Rollins, aged 20 years, of Senanton, Pa., died in a Philadelphia hospital yesterday from the effects of a criminal operation, and a married man is accused of being the girl's betrayer.

Mr. Cleveland was invited by a number of sportsmen of Augusta county to go on a deer hunt with them in Buffalo Gap on Saturday, but the President-elect was not on hand when the party left Staunton for the gap.

The Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia has extended a call to Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Tidball, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, Camden, N. J. Tidball was recently elected Missionary Bishop to Japan, but declined the honor.

Miss Eva Frear, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has sued the Central Hudson Railroad for \$20,000 damages for the killing of her lover in an accident. She claims that she was engaged to be married, and that by the accident she lost a husband, and has, therefore, been deprived of support.

Deeds conveying the immense powder works plant, covering over 300 acres at Keokuk, Iowa, from Henry R. Dupont, attorney-at-law, Wilmington, Del., to Eugene Francis, Henry A. Alexis, Charles and Alfred Dupont, F. L. Dupont and DeNemours & Co., were filed with the county recorder at Keokuk Saturday.

It is reported that the Czar's son and heir during his recent visit to Vienna paid marked attentions to Princess Maria Annunziata, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Archduke Karl Ludwig, brother of the Emperor of Austria. The reluctance of the Russian heir-apparent to marry, which was greatly troubling the Czar, is now believed to have been overcome.

The first of a series of bills presented by Representative Bacon, of Illinois county, directed at wreckers of railroad companies, passed the Georgia House of Representatives on Saturday by a vote of three hundred and fifteen to one. The bill will prevent the consolidation of stock in the hands of a few people, who would place the same in trust companies or corporations to be held practically in perpetuity.

At Walker's, in Washington, on Friday, while J. K. Worley, a well-to-do farmer, was killing hogs, his little six-year-old daughter Joanna was standing by a burning log keeping warm. Her clothing caught fire, and before assistance arrived she was enveloped in flames. All efforts to extinguish them proved futile, and the child died in great agony. The son of R. W. Worley was buried in a similar manner near the home of J. K. Worley.

AN EDITOR KILLED.

Charles H. Pratt, an editor of Gainesville, Fla., was killed Saturday night by a train on S. W. Railroad. Shortly before midnight he was heard near the S. W. Railroad residence, on the north side of the square, and an excited young man of 20 years found Pratt's lifeless body lying near the front door of Stringfellow's residence. A jury was at once empaneled. Stringfellow soon went to the coroner's office with his wife and made a long confidential statement, which was corroborated by his wife.

He said that on returning home he entered quietly, and as he came to the porch he saw his wife and Pratt in what he thought a peculiar position, and drawing his pistol, fired through the open window. Pratt was on the bed. He rolled off and staggered to the front door. Stringfellow ran around and met him, pointing the pistol at Pratt again as he met him at the door.

"My God, don't shoot, I'm killed!" cried Pratt, as he struggled to get past, but Stringfellow pulled the trigger and the ball entered Pratt's heart, killing him instantly.

Mr. Stringfellow says that Pratt came to the house late in the evening to return her handkerchief. He at once began love-making, and finally picked her up in his arms and carried her into the adjoining room and threw her on the bed, she resisting all the while. Just then her husband came in, and seeing them on the bed and not stopping to investigate, fired with the fatal result as above stated above.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts stated, and Stringfellow was released on his recognizance. He at once went down town and sent a friend up to his house for his child, but the aroused mother met him at the door with pistol in hand, and said that the child would only be taken over her dead body. The friend left at once, leaving the plucky woman in possession. What the outcome will be no one can tell.

Pratt went to Gainesville last spring and established the *Daily Leader*. He was energetic and pushing in business, and never was in trouble of this kind before, so his friends say. They ask that judgment be suspended till all the facts are known. The body was sent to Palatka yesterday on a special train, being accompanied by a large party of citizens and members of the Knights of Pythias lodge to which Pratt belonged. He leaves a young wife.

Pratt's testimony has all been suppressed as far as possible, but other developments are promised in the matter. Mrs. Stringfellow is a very handsome woman, probably one of the most charming women in the State, about 27 years of age, magnificent form and somewhat inclined to have good times with a lively disposition. She was a Miss Broom of Lake City, and niece of Judge W. D. Broom, of Volusia county. Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow have one child, Stringfellow and Pratt were chums of a close order and were continually together. Pratt was a young man of a lively and jolly disposition.

A MAZE OF MIRRORS A NEW FAD.—The magic maze, a maze of mirrors, is the latest novelty at the horticultural exhibition in London. The visitor enters the maze by a crooked passage, walled entirely by mirrors, into the central hall toward which a number of seemingly endless avenues appear to converge. Reproductions of the visitor are presented at every imaginable point and angle. A figure stands at the entrance to the hall and beckons with uplifted hand, and the reproductions show the figure in a hundred different places at once. The bewildered visitors walk about in a cautious, half-awake way, running into their own reflections and looking with distrust at one who approaches, unable to tell substance from shadow. The space occupied by the maze is only 40 feet by 30, but the arrangements of mirrors give it the appearance of being acres in extent. —*New York Sun*.

Richmond Terminal Sensation.

The promised sensation in the Richmond Terminal affairs came out in New York on Saturday in the form of a notice sent by Receiver W. G. Oakman to the members of the financial combination who four years ago sold a large block of the securities of the Georgia Company to the Richmond Terminal Company, tendering them the said securities and demanding the return of the purchase money with interest. About \$8,000,000 is involved. The receiver's demand is based upon the belief that certain acts in the transaction were fraudulent.

Receiver Oakman in this matter acts under the authority of the U. S. Court, which has empowered him to institute proceedings to secure the cancellation of the contract of sale of aforesaid securities, and also bring suits to recover money lost by the Terminal Company in the transaction.

The persons to whom notices were sent were: H. B. Hollins & Co., Lehman Brothers, Belmont & Co., E. W. Clark & Co., Isaac L. Rice, Inman, Swann & Co., Kessler & Co., John C. Calhoun, Patrick Calhoun, I. and S. Wormser, J. and W. Seligman, Scholle Brothers, and Heidelberg, Ickelheimer & Co.

These gentlemen composed the combination which, in October or November of 1888, turned the control of the Georgia Central Railroad over to the Richmond Terminal by selling to that company nearly all of the securities of the Georgia Company.

The last named corporation had bought \$1,000,000 of the high-priced stock of the Georgia Central road, and had issued \$12,000,000 stock and \$4,000,000 bonds of its own against it. The Richmond Terminal Company paid \$55 a share for the \$12,000,000 of stock, and took \$2,500,000 of the bonds at par.

Receiver Oakman's notice distinctly alleges that there was fraud in the transaction by which the Terminal Company was made the purchaser of the said stock and bonds. The syndicate received about \$7,000,000, and it is alleged that at the time of sale the securities were not worth more than half that sum.

It is charged that the syndicate or combination of men who made the sale included at least three of the directors of the Richmond Terminal Company. The said syndicate, it is further alleged, sold but a short time previously purchased the Georgia company's securities at about half the price received from the Terminal company, and in the transaction the Terminal company was represented by directors and officers, who were themselves selling to the company as members of the syndicate. On ground, therefore, of collusion and fraud, the receiver claims that the contract of sale is vitiated.

At the time this sale was effected John H. Inman was president of the Richmond Terminal Company, and among the directors were John C. Calhoun, Simon Wormser, Emanuel Lehman and James Swan. Many persons to whom Receiver Oakman sent notices denied having received them. Others admitted that they had received the notices but declined to talk about the matter. There was a disposition on the part of some to make light of the whole affair, and pooh-pooh the idea of abrogating a contract of sale simply because certain individuals were suspected of having made false representations or of having profited unduly thereby.

It is Receiver Oakman's avowed purpose to probe the Georgia Central deal thoroughly in the interest of the stockholders of the Richmond Terminal Company. The reply of the so-called members of the syndicate to the allegations of the Terminal company is that there was really no syndicate at all nor any joint sale. The securities, they declare, were sold by the individuals, holders, independently of each other, and were at the time worth the price paid. They say that the Georgia Central was then paying 13 or 14 per cent. to the stockholders, and that if the property is now less valuable it is because of the mismanagement of the Richmond Terminal officials.

The New York Mutual Life Insurance company has demanded the immediate payment of \$700,000 advanced to the Georgia Central Railroad Company and secured by first mortgage bonds.

REV. DR. TODD SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Rev. Albert S. Todd, the pastor of Hamline M. E. Church, Washington, has brought suit for a divorce from his wife, Emma N. Todd. While the allegations in the bill have not been made public, they are well understood. Soon after Dr. Todd assumed the pastorate of the Hamline Church last spring there was a scandal which resulted in the return of the lady to the home of her parents in New York. It was said that reports came to his ears reflecting upon the faithfulness of his wife, that the minister employed private detectives to watch her, and that they followed her and a man to a well-known house in a disreputable quarter of the city. Her companion was a well-known member of Congress from the far West.

The day after this discovery Dr. Todd bought a ticket for his wife and placed her on the train to return to her parents' home. The ground for the divorce is therefore supposed to be the marital one.

Efforts have been made to keep the secret. Although the papers in this case were sworn to on the 17th of this month, they were not entered upon the equity court docket until some time afterward, and an order was secured from the court under the precedent established in the Dickinson divorce case, by which the bill was withheld from the files of the court. Mr. Campbell Carrington is the attorney who represents Dr. Todd in the case.

JAIL DELIVERY IN ALTOONA.—Frank Hodge and William Murphy, prisoners in the Blair county, Pa., jail, awaiting trial on the charge of murder, made their escape Friday night and are still at large. They dug a hole in the stone wall of the prison and lowered themselves to the ground by means of a rope made of blankets. Then they fled the lock of the door opening on the street. The crime with which the men were charged was the killing of an unknown tramp in Altoona.

He was cured in two days! Mr. Frank Bennett, 523 N. Front street, Baltimore, Md., writes: "I woke up on last Friday morning with a very bad cold. On Tuesday I commenced using Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and to-day I am free from sore throat and cold. I think Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the remedy for coughs and colds."

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A. N. Bernard, a prominent and wealthy citizen residing near Fredericksburg, died suddenly Saturday.

Mr. Phillip Rowe, an employee of the government printing office, died at his parents' residence, in Fredericksburg, yesterday, of typhoid fever.

Rev. Thomas B. Creath, aged 90 years, the oldest Baptist minister in Virginia, and probably the oldest clergyman in the State, died on Saturday in Sussex county.

The Virginia league of democratic clubs, of which the Hon. Jefferson M. Levy is president, will send out a general invitation to members throughout the State to attend the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland.

Rev. Wm. P. Gray, a Baptist clergyman of Greensville county, died last night at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, from kidney affections. He was forty-five years old and leaves a widow and seven children.

Mr. Holtzclaw, the contractor for the construction of the Mt. Vernon building at Chicago, for Virginia, has perfected all arrangements for the commencement of the work, and the plans for the structure have been accepted by the exposition authorities.

The democrats of Culpeper had a large celebration on Friday night. The streets were a blaze of fire, every house was decorated, and the thousand or more men in line presented a fine spectacle for so small a town. The Monticello Band, of Charlottesville, furnished music.

The First Presbyterian Church in Norfolk was filled to overflowing at each service yesterday, the occasion being the celebration of the two hundred and tenth anniversary of the organization of the church. Rev. Peyton H. Hoze, D. D., of Wilmington, N. C., and Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, were among the speakers.

The Staunton News says: "The effect of the several decisions in favor of delinquent stockholders and against the South Clifton Forge and West Gate Land Companies rendered in the Circuit Court of Augusta during the week, is to relieve them from the payment of the amounts due on stock subscribed. The defendants took the ground that the companies had not fulfilled the promises made in their prospectuses."

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Appeal says: "Ex-Attorney General Rufus A. Ayers will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor. He will go into the contest, it is said, determined to win if possible. His friends in southwestern Virginia are already organizing in his behalf and the democrats of Wise, the county of his residence, have already endorsed him. He cannot hope, however, for a solid support in the south, as it is pretty certain that J. Hoge Tyler will aspire to the same position, and it is not unlikely that Hon. R. C. Kent, of Wythe, will be a candidate."

The second auditor will not be able to determine what proportion of the State debt yet remains to be forwarded until all the bonds presented by the Oloet committee have been compared with the books in that office. The impression is that the outstanding bonds will amount to something like \$3,000,000. The sum is the difference between the amount funded by the committee and the ascertained debt, less the amount of bonds lost or destroyed. A small percentage of the securities have been lost, burned or in some way placed where they can never be reached. This amount is comparatively small.

THE VATICAN RELICS.—The Secretary of State has designated Mr. J. C. Heywood to act as representative of the Department of State at the Vatican to assist in the selection of the articles that should be carried to Chicago, and to attend to the packing and shipment of the Columbian historical relics. Mr. Heywood will serve without compensation and has cheerfully undertaken the duties of the place. His appointment was the result of the visit to Rome early in November of Mr. Wm. E. Curtis, the chief of the Bureau of American Republics. Mr. Curtis presented his letter of instructions from the Department of State, and having explained the purpose of his visit, the Cardinal replied that the Pope and the College of Cardinals had already decided to comply so far as possible with the President's request for the loan of the historical relics of the Columbian period in the library and archives of the Vatican for exhibition at the World's Columbian exposition.

The Cardinal said that the originals of all maps, charts, pictures and printed books were furnished, and that the records would be made of all records and documents on file in the archives that related to Columbus and the discovery and early settlement of America. The question of loaning the originals of the latter had been carefully considered, but the Pope and the College of Cardinals had determined that the precious manuscripts should not be permitted to leave the Vatican.

A PHENOMENAL RIVER.—The St. Lawrence is a phenomenon among rivers. No other river is fed by such great lakes; no other river is so independent of the elements. It despises alike rain, snow and sunshine. Ice affects it but little. The only thing that affects it is the wind. Something like the phenomenal as the St. Lawrence itself is the fact that there is so little generally known about it. It might safely be affirmed that not one percent of the American public is aware of the fact that among all the great rivers of the world, the St. Lawrence is the only absolutely floodless one. Such, however, is the case. The St. Lawrence despises rain and sunshine. Its greatest variation caused by drought or rain hardly ever exceeds a foot or fourteen inches. The cause of this almost everlasting sameness of volume is easily understood. The St. Lawrence is fed by the mightiest bodies of fresh water on earth. Vast as is the volume of water it pours into the ocean, any one who has traversed all the immense lakes that feed it, and for the surplus of water of which it is the only channel to the sea, wonder that it is not even more gigantic than it is. Not one drop of the water of the five great lakes finds its way to the ocean save through this gigantic, extraordinary and wondrously beautiful river. No wonder that it should despise rain and defy sunshine. —*Am. School and College Journal*.

The battle between Aleck Gregains and Martin Costello, middleweights, will occur to-night in the arena of the Coney Island Athletic Club.

"It gives me pleasure to certify that Lieutenant Busick of the Central Police District used Salvation Oil on a rheumatic arm. A few applications relieved him and wrought a permanent cure. Salvation Oil if called in to verify this statement." Serg't H. A. Ryan, Central Police Station, Baltimore, Md.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Foreign News.

LIMERICK, Nov. 28.—The celebration of the Parnellite victory in the recent municipal election in this city resulted yesterday in a serious fight between the Parnellites and anti-Parnellite factions, during which the skull of an anti-Parnellite was fractured.

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.—John Dillon spoke at a meeting of anti-Parnellites yesterday in Strokestown, county Roscommon. In the course of his speech he challenged the Parnellites to show that they had received even one dollar from either America or the British colonies in support of their cause. He maintained that the full sympathy of Irishmen abroad was with the anti-Parnellites.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—While shooting at Acheres-Baronde-Hirsch, the well-known Hebrew philanthropist, was slightly wounded in the hands and forearm by the explosion of his gun. *Figaro* says that his injuries are not at all serious and that all traces of the accident will have disappeared in a few days.

Hydrophobia Patients.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Ten patients from Danville, Va., are at the Pasteur Institute for treatment, having arrived there yesterday afternoon. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lee, with two children about ten and twelve years old; a young man and five more young children, ranging from seven to fourteen years. Of the seven children five are boys and two girls. Dr. J. A. Anderson, a physician in Danville, brought the patients to the city. They were bitten last spring by a little skye terrier puppy barely six months old. The recent death of one of the bitten persons, a seven-year-old son of Mr. Lee, has been the primary cause of the exodus of hydrophobia suspects. Custis Lee was the name of the little fellow who has been the first to fall a victim to the bite of the pet skye terrier. He died last Friday, after suffering untold agony from what Dr. Anderson believes to have been genuine hydrophobia.

The International Monetary Conference, BRUSSELS, Nov. 28.—The conference will meet again to-day. It is reported that under the scheme to be formulated by Mr. De Rothschild, each government represented in the conference is to be associated in the purchase of silver to the minimum amount of £5,000,000 sterling, and is to take a fixed proportion of this amount at a limit of forty-three pence per ounce. A Danish delegate will propose the coinage of silver five franc, four shilling or dollar pieces, rated to gold according to the price of silver in the year previous to the adoption of an international agreement. Should the price of silver fall to 50 per cent. below the coinage ratio the commission will have authority to fix a new ratio and order the re-coinage of the pieces. These coins will be legal tender internationally, banks to keep them as a reserve against notes and to have the right to demand gold in exchange for them, at any time, from the government issuing the particular coin held.

An ENORMOUS COMBINATION.—St. Louis, Nov. 28.—The consolidation of the four mammoth export breweries of the United States—the Anheuser-Busch and W. J. Kemp, of this city, and the Schlitz and Pabst, (the last with its four auxiliaries)—with a capital stock of forty millions of dollars and bonds to the amount of \$200,000,000, to supply the world with beer, is the gigantic enterprise which is being fathered by the Rothschilds, of England, and the consummation of which is among the possibilities. The combined output of the concerns mentioned is nearly four million barrels annually.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 28.—A recent rumor of the consolidation of the big four breweries president Ehlin, of the Schlitz brewery, said there was nothing to the story whatever, as far as the Schlitz brewery is concerned.

Arrest of Train Robbers.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 23.—News received from Piedmont, Ala., says that the three notorious Conner brothers were arrested yesterday about 14 miles west of there. J. V. Jackson, the famous express detective, assisted by detectives Burns and Barnes of Chattanooga and a posse of citizens made the capture, but only after a desperate fight in which a woman took part, pouring scalding water over the attacking party while the men fired Winchester and six shooters. The Conner brothers are supposed to be the men who robbed the mail and express cars of the East Tennessee and Georgia train near Piedmont, October 31st. Their arrest has caused great excitement in the vicinity.

A Phenomenal Oil Geyser.

ST. MARY'S, O., Nov. 28.—From a well just completed in Portage township the flow of oil has become so strong as to hurl the heavy drilling tools from the hole. The well spouts about 2,000 barrels an hour. The surrounding country is being flooded with oil owing to the company's inability to construct sufficient tanks.

Four expert cracksmen, with dynamite and the latest approved tools, succeeded in cracking the big safe of the First National Bank of Liberty, Mo., on Saturday night, and securing from \$11,000 to \$15,000. The burglars were scared away before they had completed their work, and did not get into the reserve vault of the safe, in which was \$10,000 more, principally in gold.

COFFEE MAY COST MORE.

A well-known importer makes an interesting statement in connection with the increase in the price of coffee. Brazil, he says, is the principal coffee-producing country on the globe, but prices are governed according to the size of the crops, such as Java, Ceylon, Mexico, etc. The price of coffee in the United States was lower last summer, but since then the price is now five cents per pound more than a few months ago. This enormous advance has been a great benefit to the importer of coffee here and in New York. In spite of the advance, the retail price have been unchanged, though the retailers are growing under the burden, and it is said, contemplate advancing the price to the consumer. —*Baltimore American*.

FOR RENT—A COMFORTABLE HOUSE with 8 rooms, Gas and Water, in kitchen. Rent reasonable. Apply to Mrs. C. H. HARTMAN, No. 116 South 11th street, Nov. 28.

PAUL JONES BY WHISKEY.

PAUL JONES BY WHISKEY, BUFFET, CLARET by the case or bottle, for sale by H. C. WALLACE.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Fifteen of the most prominent negroes representing all portions of the State of Georgia have met and formed a tariff reform club.

The rapid and steady rise in cotton has enabled several Charleston, S. C., men to make small fortunes. One man is said to have netted \$100,000 up to date.

A Chicopee, Mass., local foundry company has received orders for a bronze statue of Brigham Young. The statue will be 10 feet in height and will be erected at Salt Lake City.

Miss Maggie Hamilton, of Allegheny, Pa., went to Kataning a few days since and was attacked with brain fever. Last night while delirious she eluded the nurses and this morning her body was found in the river.

The State, the anti-administration newspaper, in Columbia, S. C., publishes to-day the following comment on the election of Gary as a circuit court judge by the Legislature last Saturday: "Mr. Ernest Gary, who was elected to succeed Learned Kerham as judge of this circuit is an amiable young man, who, we are informed, is a proficient poker player and has hopes of understanding law. We trust that his experience on the bench will enable him to even up his knowledge."

Henry Banks, a colored farmer, returned to his home in Clarksville, Ark., yesterday and found his wife talking to Joseph Perry, a neighbor. The enraged husband pulled out a razor and literally cut them to pieces, scattering the limbs of the victims from their bed, and throwing them in the hogpen. The derelict escaped.

The lifeless body of James B. Dew, who was a wealthy and highly respected citizen of Boston, but who became a social outcast and almost a pauper, was found yesterday in the Erie House resort in St. Louis frequented by common-law robbers. Death was due to natural causes.

A violent storm was general throughout northern, central and western California yesterday and much damage was done to shipping on the coast.

Geo. Drake, a traveling man, went to his home in Des Moines, Ia., last night and found his wife with an 18-year-old boy. An altercation ensued and Drake shot the boy, inflicting a fatal wound.

A band of masked men visited two saloons in Chicago last night and robbed the proprietors and fatally shot one man. The robbers escaped.

OUTLOOK FOR CONGRESS.—The New York Herald published to-day a consensus of opinion of the members-elect of the Fifty-third Congress on the question of an extra session and the repeal of the McKinley bill.

The questions were propounded as follows: First—Are you in favor of an extra session, and, if so, why; if not, why not?

Second—Do you believe in a horizontal cut in the present tariff, or simply a modification of it; a modification that would insure a tariff for revenue only?

One hundred and eighty-eight responded out of 356 congressmen. Of the number 72 declared themselves in favor of an extra session, seventy-eight were opposed to it, and 38 were non-committal.

On the question of tariff, 75 voted to repeal the McKinley bill; 44 favored it, with modifications; 37 were opposed to any change, and 12 were non-committal.

THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT THE VIRGINIA MEMBERS HAD TO SAY:

W. A. Jones.—Unless the condition of the public Treasury imperatively demands it I do not favor an extra session of Congress. I favor such modification of our tariff laws as will give the country a tariff for revenue only.

Charles A. Swanson.—I think Congress should be convened as early as practicable to modify the tariff according to democratic ideas and pledges. Charles T. O'Ferrall.—I am for a tariff for revenue only, and in no sense for the sales of protection. I do not believe in a horizontal cut. H. St. George Tucker.—I am heartily and earnestly in favor of an extra session of Congress.

THE BISHOPS.—The Richmond Times says: It was very gratifying to the many friends and admirers of Bishop Whittle to see him talking about Richmond yesterday with a vigor which betokened restored health. The Bishop opened the recent Episcopal Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia in Lynchburg, and it was feared that the travel and effort would prove injurious to him; but, on the contrary, he says he has been benefitted. Certainly he looks remarkably well.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Appeal says: Now that Bishop Randolph has determined to take the new diocese, much interest is felt as to who will become the assistant bishop of the old diocese. At the council next May Bishop Randolph's successor will be chosen by Rev. Lewis Church, Richmond, has been mentioned for the place, and it is believed if Bishop Whittle had the naming of his assistant he would choose Mr. Burton. Bishop Whittle's health is poor and he is obliged to have some one to aid him.

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